

# CHURCH OF SAINT VALENTINE

Corner of East Passaic Avenue and Hoover Avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey

**EPIPHANY of the LORD**

**January 3, 2021**



## Masses

Saturday Evenings ----- 5:30 pm  
Sundays----- 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm  
Mondays to Saturdays in the Chapel ----- 12:00 pm  
Holy Days ----- Consult the bulletin



Rectory Office Hours ----- 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
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## Welcome to our Parish

### Served By

Fr. Andrew N. Onyemaobi----- *Administrator*  
Fr. Dennis E. Reiff-----*In Residence*  
Joan Luisi-----*Secretary*  
Robert Bulkowski -----*Maintenance*  
Gary Sabak -----*Music Director*  
John Yannuzzi-----*Financial Trustee*  
Kevin Amahit-----*Financial Trustee*  
Jean Frucci-----*Food Pantry Coordinator*

### Our Mission Statement

Our Parish Family of Saint Valentine is a local Roman Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of Newark. The celebrations of the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith as a community of believers in the Kingdom of God present among us, yet ever growing as a reality, as we follow Christ, proclaiming and witnessing to his Gospel in our lives. THEREFORE, we the Parish Community of Saint Valentine, are called to serve God and others, as we grow in the Holy Spirit.

## Sacraments

### RECONCILIATION

Before or after the Mass, or any time on request. During the week, you may make appointments with Fr Andrew Onyemaobi.

### BAPTISMS

Parishioners who want Baptism for their children need to be registered, active members of the Church. The Baptism will be celebrated at the 10am Sunday Mass. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a meeting in the Rectory. All Godparents must have received the sacrament of Confirmation.

### MATRIMONY

All Catholics should only marry in the Catholic Church. A Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation of at least one year. Therefore, parishioners should first meet with the priest before making any arrangements of date and time, or booking of the banquet.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If someone needs the sacrament of the sick, please call Fr Andrew Onyemaobi at 973-743-0220. Family members are invited to join in the liturgy of the Sacrament of the Sick.

### CATECHISM (AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH)

St Thomas the Apostle and St Valentine is cooperating synergistically in the New Energies sharing of resources for their Catechetical Program. All Catechism Children of St Valentine will register with the Religious Education Office of St Thomas the Apostle. You can register online at: <https://www.stachurchbloomfield.com/web/religious-education/>

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



### Saturday, January 2 (Sts Basil & Gregory)

5:30 pm Stanley Balicki  
(From: Stanley Balicki, Jr.)

### Sunday, January 3 (Epiphany of the Lord)

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:00 am Maryann Barllow  
(From: Ed & Susan Levy)

12:00 pm Victor Rabena  
(From: Anallyn Rabena)

### Monday, January 4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

12:00 pm Jamie Virtucio  
(From: Elito & Divina Santos)

### Tuesday, January 5 (St. John Neumann)

12:00 pm Zygmunt Gabara  
(From: Gabara Family)

### Wednesday, January 6 (St. Andre Bessette)

12:00 pm Arthur Bailey  
(From: Tom Conlon)

### Thursday, January 7 (St. Raymond Penaton)

12:00 pm Victor Bulkowski  
(From: Bulkowski Family)

### Friday, January 8

12:00 pm Domenic Salerno  
(From: Pompea Salerno)

### Saturday, January 9 (Sts Basil & Gregory)

12:00 pm Rev. Don DiPasquale

5:30 pm Mary McLaughlin  
(From: Joan Luisi)

### Sunday, January 10 (Epiphany of the Lord)

8:00 am The People of the Parish

10:00 am Raymond Cicarelli  
(From: Joan Luisi)

12:00 pm Martha Gauthier  
(From: Tom Conlon)

The Sanctuary Lamp, the Altar Bread & Wine are offered this week in memory of **Jaime Virtucio**

(Offered by :St Valentine Prayer Group)



#### **Bread, Wine & Flower Donation**

*If you would like to sponsor the purchase of altar bread, wine and flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact the Rectory Office.*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Saturday, January 2

7:00 pm Neo-Catechumenal Eucharist (Chapel)

### Tuesday, January 5

7:00 pm Neo-Catechumenal Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)

### Thursday, January 7

7:00 pm

### Friday, January 8

12:00 pm

8:00 pm St Valentine Prayer Group (Chapel)

### Saturday, January 9

1:00 pm Confessions (In Church)

## Parish Giving

Sunday Collection (December 20, 2020) --- \$1919.00

Religious Retirement ----- \$10.00

Immaculate Conception \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.00

**Total .....\$1974.00**

*Thank You for Your Generosity!*

## NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new in the parish, we would appreciate it if you register. **[Please PRINT clearly]**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

New Registration     Change of Address     Moving Out of Parish     Want Envelopes     Do Not Want Envelopes

Please cut out and drop in the collection or mail to the Parish Rectory.



READINGS OF THE MASS FOR THIS SUNDAY  
*THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*

**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how “darkness covers the earth” but light and glory appear over God’s chosen people.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

**Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus’ birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod’s true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

**“After Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem of Judea during the reign of King Herod, astrologers from the east arrived one day in Jerusalem inquiring: ‘Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.’... they were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house, found the child with Mary, his mother.”**

The visitors were looking for Jesus. They brought gifts portraying His role as priest, prophet and king. They depended on a star to lead them to their Savior.

The Magi event is so familiar, found in scripture, filled with traditions. Their search ended with a great discovery and blessing. In the gospels the question is asked, ‘what are you looking for?’ or ‘who is it that you seek?’

We are like the wise men, looking for the Lord. Where can we find Him? Right here, right now. Jesus makes Himself known to us, if we bring the gift of ourselves, if we wish to pay Him homage. It requires humility, honesty and sincerity as we recognize Him as savior of all humankind.

My Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I greet you with the Peace of our Lord!

I am Rev. Andrew Nnaemeka Onyemaobi the new administrator here at St. Valentine’s Church. I was ordained to the priesthood May 2009 for the Archdiocese of Newark.

While change is a part of life and a necessity, it could also be a source of emotional pain for some. This is because it is not easy to bid farewell to someone we love. But suffice it to say that Fr Basil movement is in recognition of a job well done here at St Valentine’s Church. We are proud of him as he begins a new phase in life.

As Fr. Basil informed you in his last weeks here, by the Grace of God, I have been appointed to be his successor as an administrator, to take up responsibility for this beautiful Community. I want to thank you for your faith in our Church and for your commitment and dedication to the mission of Christ.

Please know that I and our parish staff desire to connect with you, to help you grow in faith, and be part of your faith journey. Do not hesitate to let us know if anything we can do for you, as valued members of our parish family. Please let us know how best we can help you; our doors are open. Know that we are here for you. My staff and I, as a team, will strive to be welcoming. Please stop by the office for a chat and a cup of coffee. This is your home. It is also your duty to reach out and introduce yourself and let us know in what capacity you can help build it up we need you.

Meanwhile, our parish organizations, staff, parish council, and finance council, will remain as constituted till we are able to see who else gets in. If you have been a member of these councils Please contact me as soon as possible. As the church reopens from the coronavirus, I look forward to meeting you in the weeks ahead. This Community has a lot to offer. I hope you feel at home with me in the days ahead so that together we will grow in our relationship with Jesus.

May God bless you and keep you, and hold us all in the palm of His hand as we seek His Kingdom. I thank you all. With all my love & Blessings, Merry Christmas!

Rev Andrew Nnaemeka Onyemaobi MDiv MA

*From the Administrator’s Desk*



The Staff and Priests of Saint Valentine Church wish all our Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:



**New Sunday Mass Schedule**

**Good News! We are resuming our original Sunday Mass Schedule:**

- Saturday Evening Mass -----5:30 pm.**
- Sunday Morning Mass -----8:00 am.**
- Sunday Morning Mass ----- 10:00 am.**
- Sunday Noon Mass----- 12:00 pm.**

**FOOD DRIVE**

Thank you to all our benefactors who have given from their hearts. Thank you especially to members of the Athletic Club, Cecelia Polizzi and Jean Frucci.

The Food Pantry can do with donations of:

- Coffee, Tea, Sugar,**
- Macaroni & Cheese,**
- Spaghetti Sauce and Jelly.**



**St Valentine's Fundraising & Special Events**



The Valerie Fund helps children with cancer and blood disorders. This year, because of the Coronavirus, we invite you to donate **GIFT CARDS**, drop them in the Church Collection Baskets. Also, the Valerie Fund has a hospital Amazon wish list. If people would like to order from there it gets delivered straight to them:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2M6P6QK11EUFB?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_wl\\_dp\\_r9Vxk1xSwOnrT](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2M6P6QK11EUFB?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_dp_r9Vxk1xSwOnrT)

Thank you for your kind donations. The child you love in Christ is the child you save.

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## Gospel Today

### The Epiphany of the Lord | Matthew 2:1-12

The 3 are called **wise men, kings, or magi** - they saw and understood that the baby Jesus was truly God. They took a different route home and did not go back to Herod.

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The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God's revealing Himself to us in the baby Jesus.

## CELEBRATE WITH A KING CAKE!



King Cake season goes from the Feast of the Epiphany through Shrove Tuesday (*Mardi Gras*). This round "crown" cake, represents the journey of the 3 kings, and is decorated in purple (*justice*), green (*faith*) and gold (*power*) icing or sugar. Some cakes have a hidden bean or tiny plastic baby hidden inside and the one who finds it is "crowned", or responsible for the next cake.

### - INGREDIENTS -

1 cup milk (*scalded*)  
1/3 cup butter  
(*melted in milk*)

small bowl

1/4 cup warm water  
1 package yeast  
1 tsp. sugar

small bowl

2 eggs beaten  
1/2 cup sugar  
pinch salt

small bowl

Let all ingredients sit  
about 15 minutes, add  
to flour - mix well

4 cups flour

large bowl

### - DIRECTIONS -

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (*add more flour if needed*). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil and place in covered oiled bowl in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Roll flat into rectangle and brush on oil or melted butter, sprinkle with sugar cinnamon. Roll into log starting on long edge. Form into ring (crown), pinch edges together and let rise on baking tray. Bake 350° for 15 - 20 minutes or until golden brown.

### SWEET as HONEY



**Colored sugar:** In a jar add 1/2 cup sugar, 1-2 drops food color... green or yellow or red/blue (*purple*) and shake well. Decorate with green, purple & yellow (*gold*) cake icing and colored sugar. *This cake does not include a bean or baby, as in some traditions, due to choking hazard.*



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